

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes - Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Wheeler Rooms A & B, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Commissioner Guedes called the special meeting of the Civil Service Commission to order at 2:11 p.m. Present were Commissioners Rodgers, McBride, Plummer, and Correa. Also present were Personnel Director David Dunn and Clerk to the Commission Deborah Brelsford. City Attorney John Mitola was also in attendance, as well as members of the City of Bridgeport Police Department: Police Chief Joseph Gaudett and Lieutenant Rebeca Garcia.

1. John Antignani – Appeal – TABLED TO APRIL 5, 2011

Mr. Dunn stated that Mr. John Antignani requested his hearing be tabled to next week. On a motion made by Commissioner Correa and seconded by Commissioner Plummer, the Commission unanimously granted the request to table Mr. Antignani's appeal to April 5, 2011.

Mr. Dunn said that the appeals of Ms. Cetti, Mr. Brito, and Mr. Palatiello would be heard next since they were represented by Attorney Thomas Bucci.

2. Marco Brito – Appeal – DISQUALIFICATION WITHDRAWN BY PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

On a motion made by Commissioner Plummer and seconded by Commissioner Correa, the Commission entered Executive Session at 2:12 p.m. The Commission entered Public Session at 2:23 p.m. Mr. David Dunn, Personnel Director, withdrew his disqualification of Mr. Marco Brito from Police Officer #2302 for habits and conduct. Mr. Brito would be put back on the employment list at his appropriate rank with no record of the disqualification.

3. Marie Cetti – Appeal - GRANTED

Commissioner Guedes asked Ms. Cetti if she would like a private or open hearing. She chose a private hearing. On a motion made by Commissioner Plummer and seconded by Commissioner McBride the Commission entered Executive Session at 2:25 p.m. The Commission returned to Public Session at 3:12 p.m. Commissioners Plummer and Rodgers voted to grant the appeal and Commissioners Correa and McBride voted to deny the appeal. Since there was a tie Commissioner Guedes had to participate in the vote and she voted to grant the appeal. Therefore, the Commission granted the appeal of Ms. Cetti regarding her disqualification from Police Officer #2302 for habits and conduct. Commissioner Guedes stated that Ms. Cetti showed great conviction in her desire to right her wrong and this was a matter of redemption for her. She hoped that Ms. Cetti would remember the appeal hearing and that it would shape and form her in the course of her career.

4. Albert Palatiello III – Appeal – GRANTED

Commissioner Guedes asked Mr. Palatiello if he requested a private or public session. He requested private. Attorney Bucci noted that they had a witness present, Ms. Cole, the appellant's girlfriend. On a motion made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Correa the Commission entered Executive Session at 3:20 p.m. The Commission returned to Public Session at 3:48 p.m. Commissioners Plummer, Correa, McBride, and Rodgers unanimously voted to grant the appeal of Mr. Palatiello regarding his disqualification from Police Officer #2302 for habits and conduct.

5. Ashley Taylor – Appeal – GRANTED

Commissioner Guedes asked Ms. Taylor if she requested a private or public session. She requested a private session. On a motion made by Commissioner Plummer and seconded by Commissioner Correa, the Commission entered Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. The Commission returned to Public Session at 4:18 p.m. Commissioners Correa, Plummer, Rodgers, and McBride each voted to unanimously grant the appeal of Ms. Taylor, regarding her disqualification from Police Officer #2302 for habits and conduct.

6. Christopher Zaleta – Appeal – GRANTED

Mr. Dunn introduced Attorney Jesse Langer from Cohen and Wolfe to the Commission, as legal counsel for Mr. Zaleta. Commissioner Guedes asked Mr. Zaleta if he requested a private or public session. On his client's behalf, Mr. Langer requested an Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Plummer and seconded by Commissioner McBride, the Commission entered Executive Session at 4:20 p.m. The Commission returned to Public Session at 4:40 p.m. Commissioners Rodgers, McBride, Plummer and Correa each voted to unanimously grant the appeal of Mr. Zaleta, regarding his disqualification from Police Officer #2302 for habits and conduct.

7. Thomas Harper – Appeal – GRANTED

Commissioner Guedes asked Mr. Harper if he requested a private or public session. He requested a private session. On a motion made by Commissioner Correa and seconded by Commissioner Plummer, the Commission entered Executive Session at 4:45 p.m. The Commission returned to Public Session at 5:05 p.m. Commissioners Rodgers, McBride, Plummer and Correa each voted to unanimously grant the appeal of Mr. Harper regarding his disqualification from Police Officer #2302 for habits and conduct. Commissioner Guedes stated that he presented a picture of someone who redeemed himself. Commissioner Correa added that Bridgeport is a wonderful place to be.

On a motion made by Commissioner Plummer and seconded by Commissioner McBride the special meeting of the Civil Service Commission was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.